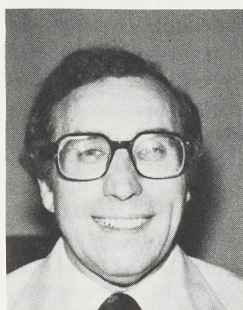


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Tornabene to Run Sigma Delta Chi



Russ Tornabene, vice president of OPC and one of the busiest characters in broadcast journalism, has quit as director of public affairs for NBC News to become executive officer in Chicago, June

1 of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, whose 25,000 members make it the world's largest organization of journalists.

Russ thus ends a 30-year career with NBC. He started in Washington as a radio news writer, became a producer and broadcaster, and was brought to New York as manager of news operations. He advanced to become general manager of NBC Radio Network and, since 1975, director of public affairs for NBC News.

With NBC News he was involved with coverage of the presidential nominating conventions from 1956 through 1980, President Eisenhower's trips to India, Europe, Africa and South America; President Kennedy's trips to Europe, Ireland and Costa Rica; Pope John's funeral in Rome; Pope Paul's visit in Jerusalem; President Nixon in Russia, Iran and Poland; and space launches and flights.

A Hoosier by birth, Russ took his AB and MA degrees in journalism at Indiana U. He was a tank crewman in the Army, 1944-46. Recalled in the Korean war, he was chief correspondent of *Pacific Stars & Stripes* in Tokyo, and taught journalism there to GIs. He had also taught journalism

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Economist Editor At Club July 16

Andrew Knight, editor of *The Economist* of London, has been named the International Editor of the Year by the *World Press Review*. He will come to New York to receive the award and to address the OPC at a luncheon on Thursday, July 16. Reservations necessary through Mary Novick, 679-9650.

Weizman Sees Arab-Israeli Peace Talks Soon



Anita Berke, Ezer Weizman, Henry Gellermann

Photos by LeVien In Lobby Show

Jack Le Vien is a long-time member of the Overseas Press Club who has been even longer involved in the production of pictures, both still and moving. Some of his work you will see on exhibit in the club lobby during June.



During the Second World War, Jack organized the U.S. Army's press camp and commanded it through North Africa and Europe, handling all Allied war correspondents covering the front lines. After the war, he was news editor of *Pathé News*, in New York, and since their demise has been an independent film maker in London.

Among his films are several based on Winston Churchill's writings and encouraged by him, the latest being "Churchill and the Generals," which was seen on TV throughout the U.S. during March and drew much acclaim. Jack has recently returned from an extensive photo trip through China and other places in the Far East.

By Blythe Foote Finke

"We must find a way to be part and parcel of the Middle East still retaining our identity, our religion, our way of life," Ezer Weizman advised a packed house at the May 12 OPC lunch in his honor.

The former Israeli Minister of Defense, one of the wittiest, most dynamic of leaders, went so far in that context as to predict "we will find ourselves talking to other Arab countries soon."

In the question and answer period he reserved the right, however, to be cautious with the Palestine Liberation Organization. "We are willing to talk to anyone who wants to talk, but anyone who says his aim in life is to kill, I will kill first."

Weizman was praised by OPC President **Henry Gellermann**, who classed him with the many international personalities over four decades to appear before OPC including Nehru, Roosevelt, Marshall, Hoover, Truman, Bradley, Acheson, etc.

Anita Berke, OPC Program Chairman, introduced the Israeli leader, citing his new book "The Battle For Peace" as "as good as a suspense story."

This narrative about the Camp David peace process brought Weizman to New York. It was released by Bantam Books May 14. He left New York for Israel "earlier than planned" because "things are mad again" in the Middle East, or "Muddle East," as he termed it. He referred to Israel's threat to destroy the Syrian anti-aircraft missiles currently stationed in Lebanon.

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Wilhelm at Ohio As Dean Emeritus

ATHENS, O. — **John R. Wilhelm**, founding dean of the College of Communications at Ohio University here, has been named dean emeritus, effective with his retirement June 30.



Wilhelm, president of the Overseas Press Club 1959-60 and a trustee of its Correspondents' Fund, became director of OU's School of Journalism in 1968. He had spent 25 years as a foreign correspondent and news executive for McGraw-Hill, the *Chicago Sun* and Reuters.

Four months after becoming director of the journalism school he was named dean of the College, which embraces schools in various fields of communication. It has an enrollment of 2,200 students, over 1000 of them in the journalism school, making it one of the nation's largest.

Wilhelm will continue to teach part of the year.

Succeeding Wilhelm as director of the journalism school will be Cortland Anderson, a vice president of the Washington Post. He will become the school's fifth director in its 57-year history.

Anderson has had a varied professional career. He has been editor of the *Suffolk* (L.I.) *Sun*, managing editor of the *St. Petersburg* (Fla.) *Times*, executive vice president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and assistant vice president for public relations of the New York Telephone Company.

The Overseas Press Club figures also in other news from Ohio U's journalism school. The Robert Considine Scholarship, established in memory of **Bob Considine**, one of the country's most popular columnists and a past president of OPC, goes to a journalism student who intends to pursue a newspaper career.

This year that student is Anne Patrice Saker of Columbus, O., a senior at the school and associate editor of *The Post*, the student newspaper. She has served internships with the *Washington Post* and the Student Press Law Center in Washington.

OPC member **Lois J. Kennedy**, of Newport Beach, Calif., a freelance writer and photographer, died April 12. She had been an editor of *Motor Boating and Sailing Magazine*, and had contributed to other boating and sailing publications. She was also a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the International Association of Boating Writers.

It Is Different In Barbados

By **Howard L. Kany**

Rendezvous Gardens, Christ Church, Barbados, W.I., March 31 (temperature 85, breeze delightful) — Capture of the "great train robber," Ronald Biggs, is page one news here, but not for the same reason as in London or New York.

The reason here is that it's local news, and it's about 98 per cent essential that a story be local to make page one of either of this island's dailies, the *Advocate News* and the *Nation*.

An exception was the assassination attempt on President Reagan, which topped column one, page one of today's *Advocate*. The other seven columns were filled with the really big story here, the death of Prime Minister Eric Williams of Trinidad.

President Reagan's budget message, or the Florida condominium tragedy, or the Pakistan Airlines hijacking or other such world news could be found amidst help wanted ads on inside pages.

Stories like those don't compete here with tales like the strange account of a woman's body arriving in Barbados without proper papers and thus returned to New York for necessary documents, only to come back for a second time and arrive eventually at the local cemetery too late for the "soil technicians" (grave diggers), whereupon relatives of the dead woman "took the decision to bury the body themselves."

Prince Charles, not yet local although he plans to honeymoon nearby, managed to make page one in a typographically erroneous report of his forthcoming wedding — to be held before the "crowded heads of Europe."

CANA, the Caribbean News Agency, is not typo-free either. In its news bulletin for hotel distribution, it wrote of the Rock Island Line being "immoralized in song" and of its closing as "one of the most colorful chapters in the animals of American railways."

Not all significant local news makes the papers. Although both dailies interviewed my wife, Rita, and me, together and separately about our IESC (International Executive Service Corps) assignment here as consultants to a dinner theater enterprise, "1627 (year of Barbados' first settlement) and all that sort of thing," they failed to take note of three spot items: 1. an impromptu meeting of OPC members on the Sandy Lane Hotel beach, after Rita, by chance, spotted **Anita Berke** and party offshore for only a few hours from their Nordic Prince cruise; 2. a brief surprise encounter of two OPC members — **Alfred Balk** and me — at the Inter-American Press Association midyear meeting here; and 3. capture of first place by Ex-Ballerina Rita and me in a dance competition at the Barbados Hilton.

Letters

APO N.Y. — I was appalled to see the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee go to bat for *Aydinlik* (OPC Bulletin April 15), and its editor Sukru Dogan Yurdakul. Obviously, the OPC meant well, but "God help those who don't know any better!"

I have, during three year's stay in Turkey, met Mr. Yurdakul. He is *NOT* a newsman, or an editor in the sense that we understand it. He is an unabashed spokesman for Maoist China. This much he told me himself. His newspaper cannot possibly be termed a newspaper in our sense. It is the house organ of the MAOIST faction of the Communist Party of Turkey, — and unashamedly so. The paper itself is directly subsidized by Peking, and there are few doubts about this being factually accurate.

In view of the above, I wonder what the OPC zeal is all about? Where was the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee when I tried to engage it for the sake of some persecuted Czechoslovak newspaper writers and photographers?

May I suggest, respectfully, that the Freedom of the Press Committee do a bit of its homework before, — and I don't doubt its good intentions, — it rushes to the help of those who in print and by their actions advocate exactly what the Committee is trying to protect!

—**Patrick E. Nieburg**

TEL AVIV — At the last general meeting of the Foreign Press Association, **Jay Bushinsky** introduced a resolution which was unanimously passed:

"The Israeli FPA condemns discrimination by governments and media against foreign correspondents on the basis of race, religion or ethnic origin."

A colleague, Jaap Van Wesel, who has been based in Jerusalem for ten years, and represents VARA radio, GPD Netherland Press Association, and the weekly, *Vrij Nederland*, was invited to join the Dutch Foreign Minister on a trip to Saudi Arabia. He flew from Israel to Holland, submitted his Dutch passport to the Dutch Foreign Office, which applied to the local Saudi Embassy for the visa.

The Saudi Embassy returned the passport without the visa and offered no comment.

But an official of the Dutch government told him that the Saudis refused to issue a visa because he was Jewish and had been stationed in Jerusalem for ten years.

A fellow correspondent, who had been cleared to enter Saudi Arabia, cancelled his trip when he heard the story. Jaap is now back in Jerusalem working his beat.

Jay Bushinsky, a former three-time president of FPA, represents the *Chicago Sun Times*, Westinghouse Broadcasting and Turner's Cable News.

—**Max Gendel**

Letters

HONG KONG — Foreign newsmen in China have organized Peking's first Foreign Correspondents Club since establishment of the People's Republic in 1949.

Club president is Dragoslav Rancic of the Yugoslav publication, *Politika*. Secretary is Graham Earnshaw of the *Daily Telegraph*, London.

Ninety-two foreign correspondents are based in China, including 16 Americans.

Robert Elegant, author of the best-selling novels "Dynasty" and "Manchu", returned to his old newspaper haunts in Hong Kong from his home in Ireland with wife Moira for their 25th wedding anniversary.

Elegant told a full-house luncheon in the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club that accurate writing sometimes is easier for the historic novelist than for the daily journalist.

"History does not happen in 24-hour or even weekly segments," Elegant said. "History is an indeterminate business with never a beginning or an end."

Elegant, a foreign correspondent in Asia from the Korean to the Vietnam War, was president of the Hong Kong club in 1961. With the Elegants in Hong Kong were their daughter Victoria, who completed medical studies in London this spring, and son Simon, who is studying Chinese language in Taiwan.

AFP changed signals and sent David Davies to Johannesburg instead of Paris after two six-year assignments in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong National Committee of the International Press Institute re-elected Sally Aw Sian as chairman during its annual general meeting April 3. Miss Aw is chairman of the Sing Tao Newspapers.

Expatriate members of the IPI board in Hong Kong are Benjamin Hills, Syme Media Enterprises of Australia; Eddie Tseng, Central News Agency (Taiwan); Robert Liu, AP, and Albert Kaff, UPI.

Kevin Delany, who covered Asia in the 1950s and 1960s, has arrived in Hong Kong from Washington to become director of American Broadcasting Company's news coverage of Asia.

—Al Kaff

NEW YORK — Unfortunately, my father, **Robert C. Ellis**, died this past January.

After working on the *Newark Evening News* for over 35 years, mainly as a writer (editorial and financial), he retired to Lakewood, N.J., around 1968.

Very often, he expressed his interest and pride in being a member of the OPC.

And I too have enjoyed reading your Bulletins in the past few months.

—Robert H.D. Ellis

OPCers Remember Founder Don Levine

By Irene Corbally Kuhn

On one of those perfect spring days in Washington, D.C. (May 2), when the greening crops on his Waldorf, Md., acres were sending up strong, new shoots, more than a hundred old friends and colleagues gathered in the National Press Club's East Lounge for memorial services for OPC Founder Member **Isaac Don Levine**.

Don died in late winter, at the ripe age of 89, full of honors for his achievements. He deserved all the honors and more, this great fighter for freedom and justice, a battler all his life against the evils and repression visited on the victims of Stalin, that cruel, ruthless leader of the Soviet Union, a Russia totally unlike the country where Don had been born in 1892 and had left at the age of eighteen to become a journalist and author of more than a dozen great books in the United States.

The memorial hour was lifted from the sadness of Don's loss by the glorious, happy memories which everyone there shared with Don's widow, Ruth; his son, Robert Don Levine and his wife and children; and with Louis, his look-alike brother. All their recollections were of a remarkable man who will never be forgotten; a great journalist today's newcomers to the profession might study and emulate.

Howland Sargeant, director of the Commonwealth Fund, introduced the six speakers. Allan C. Brownfeld, the nationally syndicated columnist, at the request of Don's widow, read from the column he had written when Don died.

Irene Corbally Kuhn, a friend for forty years, told a little known story about Morris Gordin, a Russian-born naturalized American who had returned to Russia in the euphoric belief the Bolshevik revolution was for the good of the people. He became totally disillusioned and in despair over the realization he would never be allowed to leave the Soviet Union, he contemplated suicide. Without much hope, he sought out Don and asked his advice. Don was Moscow correspondent for the *New York Herald-Tribune*. He proposed a wild scheme which Gordin followed and was allowed out of Russia, on a false British passport, to stir up trouble in the United States. Once there, he confessed and regained his citizenship, then wrote a book "Utopia In Chains" in which he acknowledged with gratitude that "Isaac Don Levine saved my life."

Eugene Methvin, *Reader's Digest* Washington correspondent, spoke of Don's fearlessness and courage in pursuing truth in journalism, and fighting Communism, as did Elbridge Dubrow, former Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, and Eu-

gene Sosin, of Radio Liberty, one of Don's causes.

But it was David Stolberg, a Scripps-Howard editor, of the same generation as Don's son, who revealed the humor and enthusiasm always present in Don's life, when he recounted episodes from his childhood recollections of the close friendship between his late father, Ben Stolberg, and Don.

A neighbor, from his place near Don's farm in Waldorf, Robert St. John, the author, was the final speaker.

Among OPC members present, besides Founder Member Irene Corbally Kuhn, who was representing the OPC, were **Joe Newman, Sol Sanders, Arthur Holzman, Bill Wilson, Victor Lasky** and **Jessie Stearns**, OPC's Washington correspondent.

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Who, What, Where

By BLYTHE FOOTE FINKE

OPC member **Denny Griswold**, founder editor of *Public Relations News*, focuses this month on a subject of special interest to all members — World Communications, and the global need for freedom for all media. She reports on a recent United Nations celebration recognizing "World Communications Day," the idea in 1966 of Pope Paul VI and observed annually by the Roman Catholic Church. She suggests broadening the observance to include all religions, and other groups such as advertisers and PR practitioners. This ties in with the global ongoing World Information Order debate sponsored by the United Nations as well.

Mary Tanenbaum has extended her involvement with Chinese culture to her home town of San Francisco where she plans to spend two months a year. She has joined both the Society for Asian Art and the Chinese Culture Foundation. Her last essay in *The Christian Science Monitor* explored "the inscrutable Chinese."

OPC member **Ray Shaw** was honored guest at the Career Women's dinner February 11 given by Soroptomist International, the world-wide organization for eminent business and professional women. On May 13 she was installed as a member of this "by invitation only" organization.

Walter H. Nelson, longtime OPC member and longtime resident in London, has formed Walter H. Nelson and Associates as a "communications consultancy" there. He has had 30 years experience in advertising and PR and a pleasant experience as an author of nine books. His history of the Volkswagon, "Small Wonder," sold 1.5 million copies. His "The Great Discount Delusion", exposing the retail discount industry in the U.S., was also a best-seller.

Barrett Gallagher returns to Cornell University this month for the annual reunion of his class of 1936 and for a retrospective exhibition of more than 300 of his photographs. This will be his first retrospective. It will be at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art through June. The catalog, done by Barrett, "provides an informed guide through the highlights of the past 45 years."

OPC'er **Milton Caniff** was presented with the Maxwell A. Kriendler Memorial Award in March at the 18th annual National Air Force Salute of the Iron Gate Chapter, Air Force Association. It was "for devoting his brilliant creative talents

for more than four decades to champion the cause of men and women in uniform . . ." The award went last year to Bob Hope.

Maxine Sullivan, one of the foremost singers in the annals of jazz, headlined — with her husband, the late stride pianist Cliff Jackson — the first jazz program presented in the club, over a decade ago. Since its founding, she has served as honorary co-president, with Earl 'Fatha' Hines, of the club's jazz committee. On many occasions, including annual award dinners, she has performed for members.

"Murphy's Law prevailed at that first jazz session," jazz chairman **Wilma Dobie** recalls. "Everything that could go wrong did, including a power failure that left us with no lights or mikes. Maxine made a triumph of the disaster by singing from table to table. Cliff was a powerhouse pianist all by himself. Club manager Jimmy Menditto provided lighting with candles at the tables."

Maxine celebrated her 70th birthday with a party given for her by the jazz committee and the New York Ad Club, at the Ad Club, on May 15. On the committee for the celebration were co-chairman **Jerry Bissell, George Burns, Ben Greenwald, Jane Jarvis, Al Wall and Sol Zatt.**

MORE ON WEIZMAN

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Weizman suggested that, as in most confrontations with other Middle East countries, Israel has "no straight answer" or response whether to "blow or not to blow." He cautioned restraint, however, noting it is a "battle of wits."

Of the many international efforts used to cool the situation, Weizman paid special tribute to Philip Habib, President Reagan's personal emissary, calling him "a very good man, but I don't know what he can accomplish." Any military command,

he suggested, "knows you have to look four steps ahead, that everybody knows how to start an action, but few know how to stop it."

He touched frequently on his new book and the trust building between Egypt and Israel as a result of Camp David which has "fairly deep roots." He acknowledged that Jews speak today, however, "from extreme insecurity," and that most Israelis would take a rifle and go to war. "It is more difficult to make peace with Egypt . . . If you completely trust or distrust the other side you are a fool." So he recommends you "trust Sadat and keep your powder dry." Both Egypt and Israel hope "for a new way of life and a new era."

As for the future, Weizman hopes to take part in the government. As a "free agent," he said he left it for the moment, but has neither a positive nor a negative attitude.

In answer to other questions, he concluded that Israel can "take only so much intervention in the area from super powers." He said Israel wants peace with Saudi Arabia, but wouldn't hesitate to shoot down the AWACS promised the Saudis by the United States if his country is threatened.

MORE ON TORNABENE

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at Indiana U. He is a past president of New York's Deadline Club.

"I regret that I must leave active service to the Overseas Press Club after two decades of membership," Russ told the *Bulletin*. "As 1st vice president, I was able to assist President **Gellermann** in some projects and generally assist in helping the club toward its goals. Now I become a non-resident member, but you'll see me around, occasionally."

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